PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q88235

Kazufumi YAZAKI

Appln. No.: 10/538,291

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Examiner: Mohammad Y. MEAH

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For:

METHOD FOR SELECTING ESCHERICHIA COLI STRAIN WHICH HIGHLY EXPRESSES EXOGENOUS GENES, ESCHERICHIA COLI MUTANT STRAINS SELECTED BY THIS METHOD AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENZYMES AND

COMPOUNDS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action of January 10, 2008, once extended from April 10, 2008 to May 10, 2008 by the filing of an appropriate Petition and payment for extension of time submitted herewith, thus providing for timely filing by Monday, May 12, 2008 (May 10, 2008 being a Saturday), please amend the application as follows:

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